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Memo: Statement for the VA Health Subcommittee Hearing

Thank you, Chairwoman Brownley and Ranking Member Bergman for holding this important legislative hearing which includes my bill, the Veterans' Camera Reporting Act. Recently, a former nursing assistant at the Clarksburg, VA pled guilty to murdering seven veterans by intentionally and unnecessarily injecting them with deadly amounts of insulin. This is sickening and completely unacceptable. The lack of camera evidence allowed these events to continue for almost a year. Congress must do everything it can to work with our VA leaders so that this incident never happens again.

The VCR Act is the first step towards meeting that goal. It will help provide transparency and accountability at our VA medical centers by requiring them to submit to Congress detailed reports on the use and maintenance of all cameras used for patient safety. This bill will help ensure that every veteran feels safe when seeking treatment at the VA. I want to thank Rep. Trone and Ranking Member Bost for joining me on this critical piece of bipartisan legislation that puts our veterans first.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress